

REMARKS

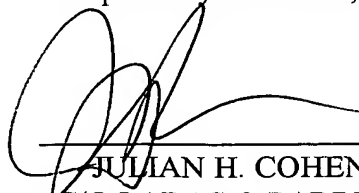
Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of September 3, 2004 and in particular to the restriction requirement therein.

Specifically, applicant elects the invention designated by (I) inclusive of Claims 1-11 drawn to a method of conveying articles. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected invention.

Claims 12 - 25 had been amended so as to be ultimately dependent from Claim 1. The claims have also been amended to be cast as method claims. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that Claims 12 -15 are included in the elected invention and are entitled to examination on their merits along with Claims 1 - 11.

Therefore, examination of Claims 1 - 25 on their merits is requested in further examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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